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# Native Village of Eyak Newsletter

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## ELECTIONS!

We will be holding elections Saturday, May 25, 1996 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Masonic. Any Eyak tribal member aged 18 or above, and a Cordova resident, is eligible to run for office. Candidates must declare their candidacy to the election's board no later than May 13, 1996. There will be two council seats open, currently occupied by Julia DeMott and Mark Hoover. If you would like to help make a difference in our community, this is an excellent chance to get involved! If you are interested, or would like more information call the Village office.

## EVOS PROPOSALS

On April 15, the Native Village of Eyak submitted six project proposals to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees' Council. The proposals are:

97210 Youth Area Watch

97281 Habitat Improvement Through

Redesigned Forest Workshops

97282 Sea Otter Population Monitoring

97283 Native Village of Eyak/Cordova  
Beach Cleanup and Restoration

97284 Restoration of Prince William  
Sound Through Test Fisheries Project; and

97286 Elders/Youth Conference on  
Subsistence and the Oil Spill

We would like to thank Allyson Nyholm of Chugachmiut for her work on the Youth Area Watch project, Riki Ott for her work on the

Redesigned Forest Workshop proposal, Patience Faulkner and Mark King for their work on the Beach Cleanup and the Sea Otter Monitoring proposals, Patty and Dewey Schwalenberg for their work on the Test Fishery proposal, and Don Calloway of the National Park Service for his work on the Elders/Youth Conference proposal.

## BIRCHWOOD CAMP

On March 18, Steve Donaldson and a lively group of ten youth traveled to Anchorage to attend the 1996 Annual Birchwood Conference at Birchwood Camp from March 18 - 22. Youth participating from Cordova were Ana Andersen, Duke Anderson, Josh Donaldson, Frank Fonzi, Taellene Fox, Stephanie Hager, Danaya Hoover, Jackie Larson, Greg Melugin, and Jenny Totemoff. Activities for the kids included traditional Alaska Native games, Spirit Days Blanket Toss, dancing, bowling, swimming and shopping. Workshops included a Teen Sexuality Panel, HIV/AIDS Prevention, Drug & Alcohol Prevention, Community Lifestyles, Higher Education, and a trip to the Palmer Job Corps facility. Many thanks to Jim LaBelle, YAC from Chugachmiut, for his effort and dedication in the coordinating of the 1996 conference.

## FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

On April 22, an organizational meeting was held to start the Copper River/Prince William Sound Native Fishermen's Association. Patty and Dewey Schwalenberg came down to help us set this up. In spite of everyone heading for Togiak, fifteen fisherman showed up. We elected an interim Board of Directors and Officers as follows:

Bob Henrichs	President
Joe Cook	Vice-President
Bruce Robertson	Secretary
Frank Siemion	Board Member
Jerry O'Brien	Board Member
Mark Hoover	Board Member

We have supported our families for the past 10,000 years from the Copper River. We can't see being shoved aside for the upriver sports fishermen. We have to fight for our historic fishing rights. We plan to meet again the first part of red season. Bob has talked with some of the Tribes on the Copper River with the idea of forming a Copper-River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Commission. They are very receptive to this. We plan on having a Copper River Tribal Caucus in the middle of May. It is time the Tribes on the Copper River got together.

## JOBS

The Village office has current job listings posted. We receive job descriptions from various agencies. These include Chugachmiut, Chugach Alaska Corp., Charter North Technical Services, and government agencies.

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## GRANT REPORT

For the 1995 - 1996 fiscal year, we have been awarded the following grants:

From the BIA we have received two grants;

1) Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) monies of \$36,831. This money is used to provide representation to children and families at risk or in need of aid.

2) Johnson O'Malley (JOM) monies of \$9,448. These monies are used to provide funding for our Native students to participate in projects, workshops, conferences, etc., pertaining to their cultural heritage.

We were also granted our 1996 - 1997 ICWA monies in the amount of \$28,038. This money is not available to spend until September 15, 1996.

From Chugachmiut we have been awarded two grants;

1) \$10,000 support monies from Indian Health Service (IHS) to provide support such as a consultant to give technical assistance in contracting our own programs.

2) Administrative Support monies of \$10,000 to provide support monies for administrative costs.

From Chugach Regional Resources Committee (CRRC) we were awarded \$12,000 for the EVOS Community Facilitator position.

We were awarded two grants from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for our Emergency Shelter. These monies total \$111,205 and are used to provide the funding to open and run the shelter from March of 1995 to March of 1997.

### **(Grant cont.)**

The Indian Health Service has awarded us one grant in the amount of \$41,161 for a feasibility study to research whether or not it would be practical to have a drug & alcohol treatment center/camp in the Cordova/Eyak area.

The Native Village of Eyak maintains an open book policy on all accounts and grants. If you have any questions concerning a particular grant, or the accounting of any grants, please feel free to call Diane Platt at the office.

## **OCS SUIT**

On the Outer Continental Shelf Lawsuit scene, Marilyn Twitchell of Alaska Legal Services, and George Sherrod, an anthropologist, were in town April 24 - 26. They interviewed many Tribal Members to gather evidence for the law suit. They will be back in three weeks. We plan on having a potlatch to celebrate the return of the Salmon. This will be a good time for Marilyn and George to meet many of the Tribe.

## **WOMEN'S CLINIC**

A women's health clinic is planned to take place in Cordova on May 6th and 7th at the Public Health Nurse's office at the Cordova Community Hospital. This clinic is limited to women who are eligible to care through the Indian Health Service. Deborah Till, ANP, and Margaret Baldwin, CNM, will be available to perform a wide spectrum of women's health services to include: pap smears, breast exams, birth control options, and menopause treatment options. If you would like to make an appointment, call Myra at 3622.

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## **NEW MEMBER!**

We would like to welcome Cassi-May Louise Septien into our world! Cassi-May was born to Toss and Richard Septien on April 19, and she joins her 7 year old sister Kendra. Cassi-May weighed in at 6 lb. 10oz., and was 20 inches long. Congratulations Toss and Richard!

## **TATITLEK WEEK**

On the week of April 29th through May 3rd, eleven Native youth from Cordova attended the 2nd Annual Cultural Heritage Week in Tatitlek. Josh Donaldson, Zack Donaldson, Ashley Fox, Shannon Hottinger, Jordan Kompkoff, Wes Ladd, Jennifer McDaniels, Diana Riedel, Adam Sanders, Jillian Sanford, and Lauren Sanford attended with CHRs Myra Allen and Steve Donaldson.

Students in grades K - 3 had the option to participate in Native dance, beading with large beads, soapstone carving, paper mask making, nature/beach hikes, native plants and medicine, food preparation, and story telling - listening to stories told by their elders.

Students in grades 4 - 12 were able to participate in Native dance, native plants and medicine, model barabara building, beading, soapstone carving, wood carving/mask making, skin sewing, cold weather survival skills, stories, language and dance, and rabbit skin art - pen & ink on rabbit skin, mounted in a willow frame.

## SUBSISTENCE BUDGET AXED

*The following article is from the April 12, 1996  
AFN Report.*

Just when it seems like the worst is over, another wave comes crashing down - at least that's what the State Subsistence Division's experience has been over the past several years. Last session, the division's budget was cut by \$395,000, and it barely survived. This year, another \$150,000 is being slashed from the beleaguered agency's budget. The Subsistence Division provides much of the scientific data that drives fish and game harvest quotas, bag limits, and subsistence fisheries management. The division also administers state-Native fish and game co-management agreements, an issue that regional non-profit associations have long supported. Pro-urban policy makers and urban lawmakers have held that subsistence-related programs are in place only for the benefit of rural residents, and therefore, subject to budget axes. But rural policy makers say urban hunters and urban fishermen have to travel to rural Alaska to engage in much of their subsistence hunting and fishing activities. The House vote on the subsistence budget was 26 for and 13 against. Send your public opinion messages to your House and Senate representatives, and let them know how you feel!

## USFS VISIT

Dave Schmidt and Carolyn Pearson of the U.S. Forest Service in Cordova stopped by the office April 29 to meet our staff and talk about the EVOS restoration project for subsistence salmon that we proposed and they are carrying out.

## FREE RAFFLE!

You're invited to participate in a research project to gather Alaskan Traditional Tribal names and meanings. SMC Enterprises of Wasilla is holding a state-wide raffle, not to generate funds, but to compile information on Alaskan Traditional Tribal names and meanings for past and future generations' reference. This raffle is free! Prizes for the grand prize for "Name and Meaning" category will be \$500 and for the "Name Only" category \$250. Second prize winners for "Name and Meaning" will be \$300 and for "Name Only" will be \$150. Third prize for "Name and Meaning" will be \$150, and \$75 for "Name Only". Prizes will be in cash or goods. Legal American names do not qualify. The deadline to enter is May 20, 1996. The final drawing will be held June 1, 1996. If you would like to enter the raffle, come to the Village office or call for more information.

## THANK YOU!

We would like to thank Axel and Stella Janson for their generous donation of a microwave and couch for our new offices at the Masonic. We would also like to thank them for the best rhubarb-strawberry shortcake we've ever had!

Our thanks go out to Glen Ujioka for donating two juice dispenser coolers that we always seem to need when we are having a potlatch. Thanks Glen!

Sue Johannessen deserves our gratitude for all the cooking and preparations she has done for our gatherings. We're getting spoiled Sue!

Last, but not least, thanks to Bob Henrichs for donating the large coffee maker to keep us all going!

White Bison, Inc. invites you to attend a Gathering of Native American Men. The gathering will take place May 31 - June 2, 1996 at Badger Flats in the Pike National Forest, Colorado. We will be honoring Native American Veterans and our Native American men. Native American women and children are welcome to support the men. Events are planned that will be of interest and importance to all Native men. There will be Elders, sweats, ceremonies, 100 drums, informal talking circles and plenty of time to renew friendships and make new ones. The gathering will take place in a beautiful and peaceful meadow surrounded by whispering pines and towering mountain peaks. We request that you do not bring any alcoholic beverages, drugs, fireworks, firearms, or your pets. Registration is \$10 per person. Campsites are limited, so please register early!

*\*For more information, an agenda of events, or registration forms, call Steve at the Village office.*

## NEW THERAPIST

Paul Klein, a mental health clinician from Los Angeles, is moving to Cordova to begin work at Sound Alternative Mental Health and Alcohol Clinic as the new Child and Family Therapist. He is replacing Larry King. Paul received his Master's Degree at San Diego State University, and worked with children and adolescents at MCC of California, a health maintenance organization, as a psychotherapist. Paul is moving here with his wife, Lori, and their nine month old son David. Paul will be working with the Village staff on some issues, and while he admits he is not knowledgeable about traditional Native Alaskan cultures, he is willing and eager to learn. His main goal here is to help

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provide planning for the youth in this community.

## TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE

*The following article is from the Winter-Spring 1996 Alaska Sea Otter Commission Newsletter.*

The harvest of sea otters has increased in the Cordova area. Approximately 300 otters have been taken since the beginning of the year. According to Mark King, a member of the Eyak Tribe and an Alternate Commissioner for the ASOC, Chugach Region, the increased harvest is probably too little, too late. A relatively low harvest in years past has allowed otter numbers to increase rapidly. Now otters are eating themselves, and subsistence gatherers, out of the available food supply. Evidence suggests that this otter population may be crashing. This winter, one of the coldest in years, has hit the otters hard. According to King, dead and dying otters have been on the beaches all winter long. Hungry otters have been tangling with local dogs and struck by cars. The Fish and Wildlife Service initially suspected a poor struck and loss ratio from Native hunting. Recent necropsies (studies of the carcasses) indicate that starvation is a likely cause for the rash of otter deaths. In response to the sea otter problem, the Native Village of Eyak is in the process of developing a harvest and management plan. Hunters have met a number of times over the past several months to discuss issues such as caliber size, no harvesting within the city limits, preferable winter harvests of otters, and appropriate carcass disposal. The tribe is also considering a permitting system for sea otter hunters.

## TRAVEL UPDATE

March 18 - 19 Bob Henrichs went to Anchorage to attend the Chugachmiut Board meeting. Mark Hoover went as Alternate.

Steve Donaldson traveled to Anchorage March 18 - 22 as chaperone for the Birchwood Camp,

March 28 - 30 Myra Allen, Marlana Fonzi, Diane Platt, and Steve Donaldson attended a three-day workshop in Anchorage for the Child Protective Service Teams, "Weaving a Circle of Care: A 1996 Conference for Alaska's Alternative Care Providers". The goal of the conference was for participants to return to their communities better equipped to care for, nurture and support the young people in their care and their families of origin.

April 1 - 2 Bob attended the APN Political Summit Conference in Anchorage to get our voters registered and to the polls in 1996.

Diane, Laura Cragun and Grace Janson attended the 1st Regional Bookkeeper's Workshop at Chugachmiut April 8 - 11. The workshop covered many topics including tribal policies and procedures, parliamentary procedures, grant fund accounting, and computer software training and demonstrations. Grace gave a presentation on the QuickBooks Pro accounting software that many of the villages are currently using.

April 8 - 9 Bob attended the EVOS Traditional Knowledge meeting in Anchorage. April 12 - 13 he attended the Chugach Alaska Corp. Land Committee and Board Meetings in Anchorage. He was elected as President of the Lands Committee. Also, Chugach renewed its option on the Lutheran Homesite.

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On April 15 Bob was in Anchorage to turn in our tribe's project proposals to the EVOS Trustee Council. April 16 - 17 he attended the Chugach Alaska Corp. Lands Committee meetings.

Todd Allen, Arlene Olsen, and Steve went to Anchorage April 21 - 25 for the 1996 Native Youth Olympics. Todd was the NYO coach again this year, and Steve and Arlene went as chaperones.

Glen Ujioka took a trip to Anchorage for the 1996 Chugachmiut Environmental Consortium Conference April 29 - May 3.

And while Glen was in Anchorage, Myra and Steve went to Tatitlek as chaperones for the 2nd Annual Cultural Heritage Week in Tatitlek.

## TOBACCO WORKSHOP

On March 26th Steve Donaldson and Larry King from Sound Alternatives held a workshop on Tobacco Resistance Education for the 4th, 5th and 6th graders at Mt. Eccles Elementary School. The topics discussed were peer pressure, how to say no, and the health risks involved with smoking. The kids watched a short movie on the subject, and were given T-shirts.

## ALYESKA SCHOLARSHIP

On April 1, our Tribe put in two proposals for funding from Alyeska's Section29 Scholarships: One for computer training, and one for Coast Guard license training for our members.

## NYO

On April 21 - 25, six Native youth traveled to Anchorage to attend the 1996 Native Youth Olympics. Tomas Andersen, Cara Hazen, Danaya Hoover, LaVon Johnson, Donald Ladd, and Mica Stone were led into battle by coach Todd Allen, and accompanied by chaperones Steve Donaldson and Arlene Olsen. Todd worked hard with the kids for several weeks prior to NYO. Their training included a daily 15 minute run from the Masonic to the ferry dock and back, push ups, sit ups, stretching, and working on technique and form for their individual events. According to Todd, "At NYO, the kids beat all their personal records by a long shot." At the Two Foot Highkick were senior Cara Hazen and sophomore Tomas Andersen; Hazen with an outstanding 68 inch kick, and Andersen with a high 74 inches, beating his personal record by 5 inches. Andersen was also entered in the Scissor Broad Jump, where he beat his personal record by one foot, measuring at 27 1/4 inches. Sophomore Donald Ladd excelled in the One Foot Highkick at 92 inches, 2 inches better than his own record. Sophomore Danaya Hoover entered the Arm Pull, winning two out of three matches, and LaVon Johnson surpassed her personal best at the kneel jump by two inches, measuring at 19 1/4 inches. Mica Stone and Cara Hazen both partook in the Eskimo Stick Pull, each exceeding their expectations. Good job kids!

While the group was in Anchorage, they did a lot more than just the competitions. They went to a pow wow, a carnival, movies, lots of shopping, and a dance that was held after the NYO Awards Ceremony. "They are a great group of kids! They were very involved and interested in all of the events, the dancing, and the costumes," said Allen. "Because it was the

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second year that we've done this, there was a lot more interest this year". When asked what could be done next year to make NYO even better, Allen said he hopes for more publicity in our community, and more involvement from the parents and students.

## SUMMERTIME!

It's getting to be that time of year again when the sun comes out and stays a little longer, our moods tend to elevate, and our fishing gear is hitting the water. With summer on its way and fishing looming ahead, more of our tribal members will be out on the water, working hard to prepare us for another winter. However, life goes on here on land. Summer is a hard time for community involvement, but we need it even more at this time of year. Our youth are going to be out of school soon, with nothing but time on their hands. What can we do to make their summer more fun and productive? This spring we have had Birchwood Camp, in which we were able to send 10 kids, NYO, with 6 kids, and Tatitlek Cultural Heritage Week, with 11 kids, and some parents. It's been wonderful to be able to provide these activities for our younger members, and a joy for everyone who has worked with them. It has also been necessary, as youth are full of energy and need an outlet available to expend that energy. What more can we do, as a community or individuals, for these kids? Cultural activities are important, and who is better to teach children about their culture than their elders and families? We will be holding a meeting soon (date to be announced) to discuss this issue. Please bring your ideas and suggestions! Let's start planning ahead for this summer, to provide our kids with a happy, healthy, and safe vacation!

## F.I.S.H. INITIATIVE

This November we are going to have a lot of important issues to vote on. Among these is the F.I.S.H. Initiative. The F.I.S.H. (Fairness in Salmon Harvest) Initiative allocates 5% of the total projected statewide salmon harvest for subsistence, personal use and sport fisheries. 5% may not sound like a lot, but it adds up. Section 2 of the F.I.S.H. Initiative amends AS 16.05 by adding a new section to article 5 to read as follows:

### Sec. 16.05.735 MANAGEMENT OF ALASKA SALMON STOCKS

(a) After providing for biological escapement needs of Alaska salmon stocks, the Board of Fisheries and the department shall exercise their respective authorities under this title to reserve a priority for the harvest needs of common consumptive uses for each salmon stock, to the extent that is technically possible, prior to allocating a portion of the harvestable surplus to non-priority uses along the entire migratory path of a stock. The total number of salmon, without regard as to the species of salmon, reserved to satisfy the needs of personal use and sport fisheries may not exceed five percent of the total projected statewide harvest of all species of salmon. *Personal use and sport fisheries may harvest in excess of 5% of a particular species or stock and or in excess of 5% of the total harvest in any given geographic region of the state.* However, the harvest priority for personal use and sport fisheries may not exceed five percent of the total projected statewide salmon harvest.

What this means to us is that our Copper River run could be in danger by permanently closing the run to local gillnetters! Another thought to

give you pause - over 50% of all sport fishing licenses sold now are non-residents licenses. Makes you wonder who is really going to benefit from the F.I.S.H. Initiative!

What can we do? Join the Prince William Sound/Copper River Native Fishermen's Association (call Bob at 7738). Join Cordova District Fishermen's United (3447) and/or United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA, 211 Fourth St., Suite 112, Juneau, AK 99801) to help offset the expense of this battle. Volunteer at any of these organizations. Write letters to area newspapers in response to articles advocating F.I.S.H.. Talk to non-commercial fishers (especially in Anchorage and the Mat-Su valley) who may not know the negative ramifications of this initiative. And most importantly - register to vote, get your friends to register to vote, and VOTE NO on the F.I.S.H. Initiative in November!

## FOOD BANK

We have gotten more food from the Food Bank. We are out of meat and butter, and will not be getting more until October, due to budget cuts to Food Bank of Alaska. We are always accepting donations; meat, fish, berries, etc.!

## ALYESKA UPDATE

Regarding the Alyeska checks for the kids - the judge has not signed the order yet. We hope to know within two weeks.

## WE'RE CLOSED!

The Native Village of Eyak office will be closed Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.



## A GREAT LOSS

It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to two very special people this last month, Mary Ann Totemoff and Gregory Lloyd Melugin. Mary was a wonderful lady, full of kindness and caring. We will miss her great cooking! Mary lived many years with us, and we will miss her deeply.

Greg Melugin was a smiling, energetic, playful young man. He was a leader, and a local star athlete. Greg made us all laugh, and his memory will bring us many smiles throughout our years.

These two people made a difference in our lives. We will cherish the memory of these two, and feel grateful that we were given the honor of getting to know, and love, them.

## ALASKA ABUSE

"Alaska shamefully leads the nation in the rate of sexual and physical abuse. It is estimated that more than ten percent of all women will be abused by a partner each year. Alaska women are killed at an appalling rate, 1.5 times the national average. Native women are especially vulnerable, being murdered at a rate 4.5 times the national average. Nothing makes me angrier than to think about statistics such as these, and the faces behind the numbers. Nothing makes me sadder than to think about women and their children having to flee their own homes to seek shelter from an abusive partner. To end this cycle of domestic violence, abusers must be held responsible for their violent acts, for their choices, their decisions. *Comments by Governor Knowles at an Anchorage news conference on December 28, 1995.*

Alaska has consistently had one of the largest rates of sexual abuse per capita in the nation

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for the past decade, and the gap between the national average and Alaska is increasing. According to the Uniformed Crime Report for 1995, the Alaska forcible rape rate is 66.8 per 100,000, which compares to 39.2 per 100,000 on the national level. Alaska women report 70% more rapes per capita than the national average.

Alaska also has the nation's highest rate of sexual and physical abuse and neglect of children. Last year more than 15,000 Alaska children were reported as abused or neglected. These statistics are more than just numbers. These things happen in our own communities. We need to fight against this, to make Alaska, and Cordova, a safe place to live for our children and for us!

## WANTED: BOAT OPERATORS

The U.S. Forest Service is seeking Boat and Operator Charters for the EVOS project they are carrying out this summer. There will be 30 trips between June and July of 1996, approximately 5 trips per week (Mon. - Fri.). The daily trips will be from Cordova to Sheep Bay, Port Gravina, Simpson Bay, Orca Bay or Nelson Bay and return to Cordova. Operators must possess a 6-Pack license to transport 3 - 5 field personnel and gear. Operator must wait throughout the day to pick up crew in the evening, and provide necessary transportation to the stream or shore, such as a skiff. They will also need to provide safety equipment, PFDs, survival suits, first aid kits, fire extinguishers, etc. One survival suit must be able to go ashore. Operator does not need to provide food or bunk space. The boat shall be capable of maintaining a cruising speed of at least 10 knots. For more info. call Carolyn Pearson at the U.S.F.S. at 7661.

## HELP WANTED!

The U. S. Forest Service is hiring for three summer jobs. All positions with the U. S. Forest Service require applicants to be at least 18 years of age and a high school graduate or equivalent.

**Biological Technician (Fisheries)** for the summer of 1996. This person will work under the supervision of a Fisheries Biologist at remote stream sites in Sheep Bay and Port Gravina. Duties include conducting fisheries surveys to obtain baseline data on Eyak Native lands. This includes measuring pool and riffle habitats, taking photographs, and making notes about stream habitat. Entering data on datasheets and into the computer, analyzing data, writing reports, and other duties as assigned. Qualification requirements: Ability to work with others, interest in natural resources, especially fisheries management, ability and willingness to backpack over rough, wet terrain. Pay rate is \$7.28 to \$8.17/hour, plus 25% cost of living allowance (COLA). Apply at the U.S. Forest Service.

**Recreation Technician** for the summer of 1996. This person will work under the supervision of another technician at recreation facilities along the Copper River Highway. Duties include: maintenance of facilities (trash pick up, outhouse cleaning, sign repair, minor repairs to buildings, painting, installing picnic tables and fire grates), visitor contact along the road and at recreation sites, working with local kids from various day camps, and supplying Forest Service hosts at Childs Glacier. Qualification requirements: Ability to work with people of varying backgrounds, experience and abilities, knowledge of the Copper River Delta, ability to communicate with the public, knowledge of basic recreation site maintenance, skills in carpentry, construction, or woodworking, possession of a valid Alaska driver's license, and a Forest Service uniform must be worn. Pay rate is \$7.28 to \$8.17/hour plus 25% COLA. Apply at the U.S. Forest Service.

**Trail Easement Clearing and Surveying** for the summer of 1996. Will work within a crew of 2 - 5 people. Applicant will be responsible for location brushing and surveying of easements located in Eastern Prince William Sound. Work will be done locally and some in remote areas. Trips will be staged from Cordova, and will vary between 1 - 10 days in the field. Applicants must be familiar with air and boat travel, and have good chainsaw skills. Pay rate is between \$77 and \$85 a day. To apply, contact Bruce Campbell of the U.S.F.S. at 7661.

The Native Village of Eyak Newsletter is a semi-monthly letter to keep tribal members up to date on what is happening within their community. We always welcome any suggestions or ideas you may have to improve the letter, and if there is something you would like us to write about or add to the letter, please contact Laura at the Village office.